

WESPTSA Newsletter

November 2017

Bullying

On October 25, 2017 Williamston elementary students - and staff - were asked to wear orange. October 25, 2017 was Unity Day - a day to stand together against bullying and to stand together to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Below is a picture of Discovery and Explorer teachers, administrators, and staff wearing orange - to stand against bullying. Thank you to Old Nation and Edwards Ink for the t-shirts for the elementary schools and for the teachers, administrators, and staff for wearing them to make our schools - and our kids - safe!



Upcoming WESPTSA & School Events:

11/9: PTSA meeting
(7-8:30pm
Discovery media
center)

11/22-24: No
School
(Thanksgiving
recess)

11/27: School
resumes

12/14: PTSA
meeting (7-8:30pm
Discovery media
center)

12/18-21: Holiday
Shope

12/22: Winter
vacation begins (no
school)

1/8/18: Classes
resume from Winter
break

1/11: PTSA meeting
(7-8:30pm
Discovery media
center)

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What is bullying? According to stopbullying.gov, bullying is “unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.” Bullying involves using one’s power (e.g., physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity) to control or harm others. Thus, bullying includes spreading rumors, physically or verbally attacking someone, making threats, or excluding someone on purpose. As stated, bullying can be verbal (e.g., name calling, teasing, taunting, threatening, inappropriate comments), social (e.g., purposefully excluding someone, telling others not to be a child’s friend, embarrassing someone, or spreading rumors), or physical (e.g., hitting/kicking, spitting, tripping/pushing, take items, or rude/mean gestures).

Helping to stop or prevent bullying includes helping kids understand the difference between telling and tattling.

It is TATTLING if, (a) no one is hurt or injured, (b) the person did it on accident and is sorry, (c) this is the first time something like this has happened, (d) you have the power to solve this on your own, (e) your goal is get someone in trouble, and (d) it is a “so what” problem.

It is TELLING if, (a) someone is hurt and needs helps, (b) the person did it on purpose to be mean, (c) there is a pattern to what is going on. Nothing you have done has stopped it, (d) you don’t have the power to solve this without an adult’s help, (e) your goal is to keep someone safe, and f) it is a “this matters” problem.

Volunteer

We at the PTSA need you! We cannot do what we do without you! We will take any amount of time - or donations - you can give... we take as much or as little. Please feel free to fill out this online volunteer form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemflphfWkj1E_QbWgSI8j1qij2a_5fzZEMJiveisZ_4OMUMQ/viewform). You can also email Camilla Fritts (frittscam@gmail.com). Thank you!

Thank you to our parents, family, teachers, administrators, staff, and community for a very successful Fun Run! And an especially big shout-out to our Fun Run Coordinators - Camilla Fritts and Christine Heilman! This year the Fun Run - the PTSA’s only organized fundraiser - raised \$36,096.77, an all-time high. The money raised from the Fun Run will be used to support Wharton Center trips for all elementary school students, teacher grants, arts integration, technology, and more! Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity!